

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
US APPLN. NO. 09/864,457  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

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1. (*Currently Amended*) A service supply method, in which a customer receiving services and at least one of a plurality of suppliers capable of supplying a service desired by the customer are linked, and supply of said desired service from said supplier to said customer is enabled, comprising the steps of:

acquiring supplier information concerning at least ~~one of~~ a time when each of said suppliers can supply said service, ~~a quality of service that each of said suppliers can supply, a location of each of said suppliers, and a fee constituting good value for the supply of said service~~ via a network;

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acquiring customer information concerning said service desired by said customer; and allowing the customer who desires the supply of said desired service and the supplier capable of supplying the desired service to correspond with each other based on ~~a plurality of items of~~ said supplier information and said acquired customer information ~~acquired~~.

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2. (*Currently Amended*) A service supply method, in which a customer receiving services and at least one of a plurality of suppliers capable of supplying a desired service desired by the customer are linked and supply of said desired service from said supplier to said customer is enabled, comprising the steps of:

acquiring supplier information concerning at least one of a time when each of said suppliers can supply said service, ~~a quality of service that each of said suppliers can supply, a location of each of said suppliers, and a fee constituting good value for the supply of said service;~~

storing the acquired supplier information in a database;  
acquiring customer information concerning said service desired by said customer; and

allowing the customer who desires the supply of said desired service and the supplier capable of supplying the desired service to correspond with each other based on said acquired customer information and said supplier information read out from said database.

3. (*Original*) The service supply method according to any one of claims 1 and 2, wherein said service is a service associated with medical attention or a service associated with care.

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4. (*Currently Amended*) A service supply system, in which a customer receiving services and at least one of a plurality of suppliers capable of supplying a service desired by the customer are linked, and supply of said desired service from the supplier to said customer is enabled, comprising:

supplier information acquiring means for acquiring supplier information concerning at least one of a time when each of said suppliers can supply said service, ~~a quality of service that each of said suppliers can supply, a location of each of said suppliers, and a fee constituting good value for the supplying of said service;~~

customer information acquiring means for acquiring customer information concerning said service desired by said customer; and

matching means for allowing the customer who desires the supply of said desired service and the supplier capable of supplying the desired service to correspond with each other based on ~~a plurality of items of~~ said supplier information and said acquired customer information acquired.

5. (*Original*) The service supply system according to claim 4, said system further comprising:

a database for storing said supplier information.

6. (*Original*) The service supply system according to any one of claims 4 and 5, wherein said service is a service associated with medical attention or a service associated with care.

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7. (New) The service supply method according to claim 1, wherein said supplier information further concerns a quality of service that each of said suppliers can supply, a location of each of said suppliers and/or a fee for the supply of said service.

8. (New) The service supply method according to claim 2, wherein said supplier information further concerns a quality of service that each of said suppliers can supply, a location of each of said suppliers and/or a fee for the supply of said service.

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9. (New) The service supply system according to claim 4, wherein said supplier information further concerns a quality of service that each of said suppliers can supply, a location of each of said suppliers and/or a fee for the supply of said service.

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